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SUBJECT: GOALS AND TASKS FOR THE AMBASSADOR: FRANCE

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REFS A AND B GIVE DETAILS WHICH HAVE GOVERNED PREPARATION
HERE OF DRAFT STATEMENTS OF GOALS AND TASKS FOR EACH
AMBASSADOR. DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW FOR YOUR COMMENT.
PLEASE RESPOND ASAP, BUT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6 IN ANY
EVENT.

BEGIN TEXT:

I. MAINTAIN FRANCE'S DEMOCRATIC, PRO-WESTERN ORIENTATION.

-- EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE THE US PLACES ON THE MAIN-
TENANCE OF A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH A STRONG INDE-
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PENDENT AND STABLE FRANCE. SEEK OCCASION TO ILLUSTRATE
THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BENEFITS THAT FRANCE RECEIVES
FROM ITS LINKS WITH THE US, AND THE WESTERN COMMUNITY OF
NATIONS.

-- DEMONSTRATE THE RESPECT WHICH USG HAS FOR CURRENT FRENCH
GOVERNMENT UNDER GISCARD AND BARRE.

-- AVOID PUBLIC COMMENT IN INTERNAL FRENCH POLITICS, BUT QUIETLY PROMOTE WIDER UNDERSTANDING OF THE BASIS FOR THE USG'S CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED INFLUENCE FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

-- EXPAND THE EMBASSY'S DIALOGUE WITH ALL LEVELS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED OBJECTIVES. SUPERVISE DISCREET WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY. SEEK WAYS TO DIFFERENTIATE US ATTITUDES TOWARDS SOCIALISTS FROM THOSE REGARDING COMMUNISTS.

II. SEEK COOPERATION FROM FRANCE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE US.

-- ENCOURAGE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR OUR HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE.

-- PROMOTE CONSTRUCTIVE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS OF NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, AND IN PARTICULAR SEEK FRENCH COOPERATION IN EFFORTS TO RESTRAIN THE TRANSFERS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS.

-- SEEK FRENCH COOPERATION ON NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTIONS INCLUDING THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERCONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM, SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS, AND THE NON-TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY.

III. FACILITATE FRENCH DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH NATO AND THE US WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT OVERT MOVES TOWARD FRENCH REINTEGRATION IN NATO IS POLITICALLY UNREALISTIC FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

-- ENCOURAGE AS NECESSARY CONTINUED QUIET COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ARMS STANDARDIZATION, CONTINGENCY PLANNING, AND LOGISTICS.

-- KEEP THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATELY ABREAST OF CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE USG, AND OF DISCUSSION WITH OTHER ALLIES ON STRATEGIC, DOCTRINAL, AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES, AND ENCOURAGE AN ACTIVE FRENCH CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

-- PROMOTE WIDER UNDERSTANDING IN FRANCE OF THE ALLIANCE'S CONTRIBUTION TO FRENCH SECURITY, AND OF FRANCE'S INDISPENSIBLE ROLE IN THE ALLIANCE.

IV. SEEK TO COORDINATE FRENCH WITH US APPROACHES TO PROBLEMS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

-- SEEK TO PROMOTE A FRENCH (AND EUROPEAN) ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST COMPATIBLE WITH THE US EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PEACE IN THE AREA.

-- ENCOURAGE AN ACTIVE FRENCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY OF KEY AFRICAN STATES.

-- COORDINATE FRENCH WITH US DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SEEK FRENCH SUPPORT FOR US AND UK EFFORTS IN RHODESIA, AND ACTIVE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN EFFORTS ON NAMIBIA.
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V. SEEK FRENCH COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC ISSUES.

-- SEEK FRENCH SUPPORT FOR RAPID AND POSITIVE CONCLUSION OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

-- MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON MONETARY AND ECONOMIC POLICY DESIGNED TO ENSURE COMPATIBLE APPROACHES.

-- SUPPORT CONSTRUCTIVE FRENCH LEADERSHIP IN NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON FUND.

-- ENCOURAGE COORDINATION OF FRENCH ENERGY POLICY WITH THAT OF THE US AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY.

VI. IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF US CULTURE, SOCIETY, AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES AMONG THE FRENCH PUBLIC AND OPINION LEADERS.

-- EXPAND EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH FRENCH INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY.

-- INVOLVE ALL AREAS OF THE EMBASSY IN EXPLAINING US POLICY TO OPINION LEADERS.

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